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**Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and
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**Identical letters dated 11 April 2001 from the Permanent Observer
of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

The Israeli Government has dramatically escalated its bloody military campaign against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, causing more Palestinian deaths and injuries and vast destruction of property, and terrorizing the Palestinian civilian population under its occupation.

Today, shortly after midnight (Gaza time), Israeli tanks entered the Khan Yunis refugee camp in the Gaza Strip, which is home to about 80,000 Palestinians. As reported by the Israeli military itself, this was the largest Israeli force to enter an area under full Palestinian control since the start of its military campaign in September 2000. Inside the camp, the Israeli occupying forces fired live ammunition and used bulldozers to destroy homes and raze olive groves. The Israeli attack, which lasted for nearly five hours, took place in complete darkness, as power to the camp was completely knocked out, and caused intense panic and fear among the Palestinian residents of the camp. As a result of this vicious assault, which endangered the lives of thousands of civilians, two Palestinians were killed and approximately 25 homes were completely levelled, with a dozen other homes suffering damage as well. Moreover, one of the homes destroyed collapsed on its occupants, including children.

These violent and criminal acts follow attacks carried out yesterday by the Israeli occupying forces, which used rockets and missiles to shell Palestinian security buildings in the Gaza Strip. The attacks, which were carried out during the day, targeted three different Palestinian locations and resulted in the death of a 30 year-old Palestinian doctor in the naval police, many injuries and severe structural damage.

In follow-up to my previous letters to you on the grave and continuing deterioration of the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, dated from 29 September 2000 to 5 April 2001 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-



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The escalation of the bloody Israeli military campaign against the Palestinian people must be brought to end before more lives are lost and greater destruction is caused. The international community, and the Security Council in particular, is duty-bound to take action in this regard in order to provide urgently needed stability in the area and protection for the Palestinian civilians living under Israeli occupation. The continuing failure to do so will only send the wrong message to the Israeli Government, allowing it to persist in the escalation of its military campaign against the Palestinian people.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dr. Nasser Al-Kidwa
Ambassador

Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

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Permanent Observers of Palestine to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

**Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the
Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem*
(Saturday, 7 April through Wednesday, 11 April 2001)**

Saturday, 7 April 2001

1. Mahmoud Fayyad Al-Herizat

Sunday, 8 April 2001

1. Tayseer Thiab Ayyad

Tuesday, 10 April 2001

1. Wa'el Khowayter

Wednesday, 11 April 2001

1. Mo'taz Mohammed Soboh (18 years old) (died from wounds sustained on 5 April 2001)
2. Hani Abu Rizq
3. Elias Eid
4. Mahmoud Khalil Barakat (15 years old)

* Total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 = 408.

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For several hours throughout last night and into today, Israeli occupying forces used helicopter gunships, tanks and gunboats to launch air, ground and sea attacks against several locations in Gaza City and throughout the Gaza Strip. At least one person was killed and 50 people injured as a result of this shelling. In addition, vast physical destruction was caused, and terror gripped the thousands of Palestinian civilians in the targeted areas.

Moreover, today, Israeli occupying forces moved tanks, troops and army bulldozers well into area under full Palestinian control near the town of Beit Hanoun in the Gaza Strip. Several Israeli spokesmen indicated that this military seizure was likely to continue. At the same time, Israeli tanks and troops were used to carve the Gaza Strip into three parts, isolated from one another.

Also today, Israeli snipers shot dead a 15-year-old Palestinian boy with a live bullet to his heart near the crossing point between Gaza and Israel at a time when no clashes were occurring. In the West Bank yesterday, Israeli troops shot another Palestinian teenager, an 18-year-old boy in the town of Tulkarem.

These mounting criminal actions by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory represent a continuation and dangerous escalation of the bloody Israeli military campaign of aggression being waged against the Palestinian people since 28 September 2000. Mr. Ariel Sharon and his Government are fully responsible for the war crimes and State terrorism being committed against the Palestinian civilian population under occupation as well as all the ensuing results and consequences.

In follow-up to my previous letter to you on this very grave and serious matter, dated 29 September 2000 to 11 April 2001 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025;



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S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352), it is my deep regret
to inform you that, since my last letter, seven more Palestinians have been killed by
the Israeli occupying forces. (The names of the martyrs are contained in the annex to
this letter.) These killings bring the total number of Palestinian martyrs since the
start of this Israeli aggression on 28 September 2000 to 415 people, including
children, women and men. As noted above, injuries among Palestinian civilians also
continue to rise as a result of the actions and excessive use of force by the soldiers
of the Israeli occupying army.

The Security Council, as the organ responsible for the maintenance of peace
and security on behalf of the international community, is obligated to intervene in
the escalating crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem.
Action must be taken to bring an end to the Israeli military campaign and provide
protection for the Palestinian people living under occupation. The Council cannot
allow itself to remain paralysed as it watches this ongoing tragedy which threatens
to endanger the whole region and thus directly endanger international peace and
security.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter
and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the
General Assembly and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dr. Nasser Al-Kidwa
Ambassador
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Annex

Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem^a (Thursday, 12 April, through Tuesday, 17 April 2001)

Thursday, 12 April 2001

1. Ha'ased Roushdi Sobin
2. Fadi Attallah Amer
3. Shawkat Saadi Al-Alamah (14 years old)

Saturday, 14 April 2001

1. Mohammed Yasseen Nasar

Monday, 16 April 2001

1. Basel Rafiq Zahran (18 years old)

Tuesday, 17 April 2001

1. Mohammed Ramadan Al-Masri
2. Hamza Obeid (15 years old)

^a Total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 = 415.

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Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the
Palestinian People addressed to the President of the General
Assembly and to the President of the Security Council**

In my capacity as Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, I should like to draw your attention to the dangerously rapid escalation in the past several days of military actions by the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem.

In my letter dated 5 April 2001 (A/ES-10/73-S/2001/335), I expressed the Committee's concern at the violence and bloodshed on the ground. The Israeli military attacks have now been taken to a new level of intensity, particularly in the Gaza Strip. On 17 April 2001, following a massive land, air and sea operation, the Israeli army occupied the area, imposing a blockade on the Gaza City and dissecting the Gaza Strip into three separate parts. According to news reports, in the course of the operation Israeli troops have advanced at least half a mile into the Palestinian territory and have captured six Palestinian police positions along the eastern border of the Gaza Strip. In this operation, IDF used heavy machine-guns, tanks, armoured personnel carriers, helicopter gunships, artillery and sea-launched surface-to-surface missiles. The army has also closed all major roads and the Gaza International Airport. Palestinian Authority border police positions at Beit Hanoun — an area under full Palestinian control — have been occupied. Rockets have also hit buildings in Deir el-Balah and Rafah in the central and southern Gaza Strip, respectively. As a result of this military operation, four Palestinians were reported killed, including a 9-year-old and two teenagers, and some 40 wounded, including women. After having withdrawn from the Gaza Strip, IDF re-entered its southern part the next day, destroying a Palestinian police station. In the West Bank, Israeli tanks fired shells at the Bethlehem area towns of Beit Jalla, Beit Sahur, Al-Khader and two nearby Palestinian refugee camps. Heavy exchanges of gunfire have also been reported in Hebron.



Our Committee is shocked and appalled by these developments. Once again, the IDF response to Palestinian attacks has been extremely harsh and disproportionate. We have always held the view that the Government of Israel should abide by its legal obligations and responsibilities under the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949. Israel's continued refusal to do so will perpetuate the dispossession of the Palestinian people, bring greater instability to the region, and will undermine any attempts to normalize the situation. Also, the international community has acknowledged that the core of the problem continues to be the illegal Israeli occupation of the Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem.

The Committee is extremely worried by the illegal incursion of IDF into the areas of the Gaza Strip that are under full Palestinian control. In this connection, the Committee emphasizes that the Israeli reoccupation of these parts of the Gaza Strip constitutes a clear and serious violation of the agreements signed by the parties as part of the peace process.

In the light of the above, prompt and decisive international action is needed to stop the current spate of violence and resume the peace negotiations. The international community should also recognize its moral responsibility for the Palestinian people, deprived of its inalienable rights for over half a century. The position of our Committee in that regard is that the United Nations should continue to maintain its permanent responsibility towards all aspects of the question of Palestine until it is resolved in a satisfactory manner, in conformity with relevant United Nations resolutions and norms of international law and until the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people are fully realized.

We, in the Committee, have again urged the Secretary-General to intensify contacts with all the parties concerned in order to help bring the crisis to an end and restart the Israeli-Palestinian dialogue. In view of a particularly tense and volatile situation on the ground, efforts within the United Nations to ensure protection of Palestinian civilians acquire special urgency.

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(Signed) Ibra Deguène **Ka**
Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of
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(Signed) Ibra Deguène Ka
Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of
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It is my regret to inform you that the brutal Israeli military campaign being waged against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, continues. This military campaign against the Palestinian civilians living under Israeli occupation continues in violation of international law and international humanitarian law, including the Fourth Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 1949 and resolutions of the Security Council.

Most alarming of the ongoing practices of the occupying Power is the excessive use of force by the Israeli occupying forces, using all types of military weaponry, against Palestinian civilians, which has caused a continuing rise in the number of Palestinian deaths and injuries. In fact, killings by the Israeli occupying forces have occurred almost daily. Just yesterday, four people were killed in an explosion near Rafah close to the border between the Gaza Strip and Egypt. Results of the investigation into this matter indicate that the explosion was the act of the Israeli occupying forces. Also, today, Israeli occupying soldiers shot and killed a Palestinian farmer in the Gaza Strip.

In follow-up to my previous letters to you on this serious matter, dated from 29 September 2000 to 17 April 2001 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-



S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; and A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372). I regret to inform you that 12 more Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces. (The names of the martyrs are contained in the annex to the present letter.) These killings bring the total number of Palestinian martyrs since the beginning of the bloody Israeli campaign on 28 September 2000 to 427 people.

At the same time, the Israeli occupying forces continue to destroy Palestinian homes and infrastructure in the Occupied Territory. This has included the destruction of buildings, roads, and agricultural fields and orchards. Further, Israeli settler violence and vandalism against the Palestinian people continue, particularly in the city of Al-Khalil.

In addition, the occupying Power continues its closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, with severe restrictions on the movement of persons and goods and the resulting separation and isolation of the towns, villages and cities of the Occupied Territory. The Israeli closures have even impeded the movement of United Nations personnel, thus obstructing services, including the delivery of necessary humanitarian assistance.

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(Signed) Nasser Al-Kidwa

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Tuesday, 17 April 2001

1. Rami Yehia Ghareeb (17 years old)
2. Bara' Jalal Al-Sha'er (10 years old)

(In addition to names of martyrs of 17 April 2001, which were included in
A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372)

Sunday, 22 April 2001

Madi Khalil Madi

Monday, 23 April 2001

Muhanad Nizar Muhareb (11 years old)

Tuesday, 24 April 2001

1. Hussein Yussef Abu Hamdah
2. Iyad Hussein Nazal

Wednesday, 25 April 2001

1. Ramadan Ismail Azam
2. Sameer Sabry Zo'rob
3. Sa'di Mohammed Al-Dabbas
4. Yasser Al-Dabbas
5. Ibrahim Hammad Abu Oweila (18 years old) (died from wounds sustained
earlier)

Thursday, 26 April 2001

Atef Ahmad Wahdan

* Total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 = 427.